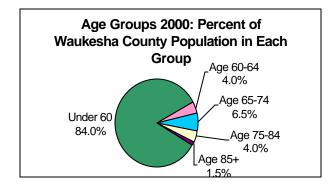
Waukesha County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Waukesha County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.0% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (45.1% versus 7.9%). In all, 43,434 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 5,447 of these are age 85 or older. Waukesha County's average (or median) age is 38.1 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Waukesha County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	360,767		304,715		56,052	18.4%
Persons 60 and over	57,854	16.0%	42,795	14.0%	15,059	35.2%
Persons 65 and over	43,434	12.0%	29,926	9.8%	13,508	45.1%
Persons 85 and over	5,447	1.5%	3,270	1.1%	2,177	66.6%



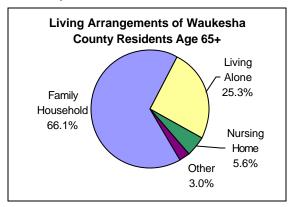
Race:

A large majority (98.8%) of Waukesha County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Waukesha County African Americans have a median age of 22.9 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 23.3 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.6 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 135,229 households in Waukesha County, 29,086 include at least one person age 65 or older (21.5% of all households). A total of 26,763 housing units have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 74.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (66.1%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 25.3% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.3% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 2,445 people age 65 and older live in Waukesha County nursing homes (5.6% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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